

**WORKSHEET 4
FORAGE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION (CODE 528)**

Name:	Farm No./Tract No.:
Address:	Field Number(s):
Cost-Share Program:	Date:

I. RECOMMENDED RESIDUAL HEIGHTS

(From 528 Prescribed Grazing Standard Table 1 or 2)

Combine fields as much as possible. Use additional sheets as needed

Tract	Field	Species (desired) 1 – 3 species	Grazing height by grazing period	Start	Stop
			FIRST		
			SECOND		
			THIRD		
			FIRST		
			SECOND		
			THIRD		
			FIRST		
			SECOND		
			THIRD		

II. MEASUREMENT GUIDELINES FOR PASTURE BEING EVALUATED

- During the growing season visit the farm and take a 100' tape, forage plant identification guide and this form.
- Visit the last pasture grazed in each system.
- Identify desirable species for the pasture.
Take the 100' tape and lay it across an average area of pasture. Avoid rejection areas (heavy manure areas) and heavy traffic areas.
- The nearest plant to each 10 foot interval use the pasture stick to determine grazed height in inches.
- Out of 10 spots the most frequent height is the average grazed height.
- Circle most frequent height. Compare to recommended heights.
- Do process for both the last grazed field (III) and the next field to be grazed (IV).
- Can begin grazing at greater heights than in 528 Table 1 and 2, but lower quality forage will be grazed which may be alright depending on the livestock needs and landowner objectives.

III. EVALUATE FIELD JUST FINISHED GRAZING				
Desired Species	Recommended Height	Actual Height	Tally	Number
				10
				10
				10
EVALUATION:				

IV. EVALUATE THE NEXT FIELD TO BE GRAZED IN THE SYSTEM				
Desired Species	Recommended Height	Actual Height	Tally	Number
				10
				10
				10
EVALUATION:				